

REMARKS**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-17, as set forth in the Office Action, on page 3.

Status Of Claims

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 are allowed. Claims 18-20 are amended into independent form herein as requested by the Examiner (Office Action, on page 3). New claims 21-25 have been added. New claims 21, 22 and 23 respectively depend from allowed claims 6, 11 and 17. No new matter is added.

Amendment Of Drawings

In accordance with the Examiner's request FIG. 16A and FIG. 16B have been labeled "Prior Art". A replacement sheet of Formal Drawings is filed herewith.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the characterization of claims 18-20 as having "portions that are independent and other portions that are dependent" (Office Action, page 3). Originally filed claims 18-20 are dependent claims (i.e., 18/1, 19/18/1 and 20/1).

However, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 18-20 have been amended into independent format as requested by the Examiner (Office Action, on page 3). Thus, the rejection of claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is moot. Applicant respectfully

requests the withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and the allowance of claims 18-20.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is now believed to be in a form for allowance and such action is hereby solicited.

If any points remain an issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through an additional personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

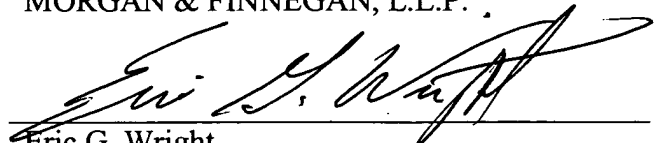
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5338. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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FIG. 16A
PRIOR ART

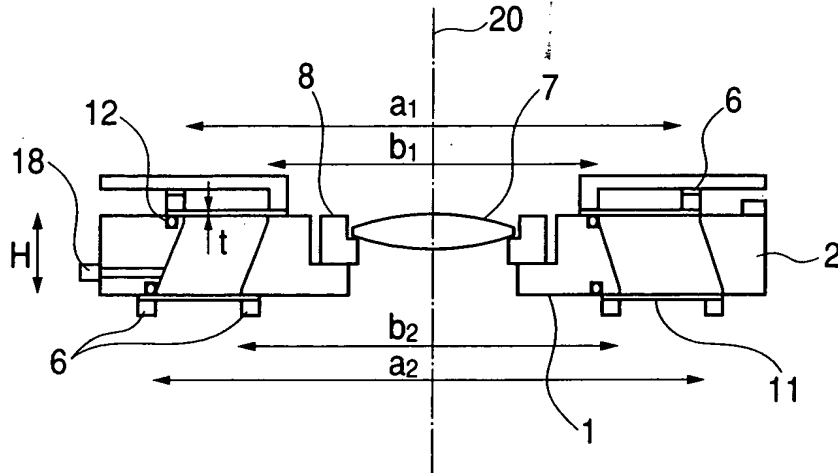


FIG. 16B
PRIOR ART

